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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment ranged steady to firm, mostly steady to fully steady. Retail demand over the weekend was fair to good, best where features were noted. Food service was light to moderate. Supplies adequate to close balanced with heavier weights in the shortest position. In the parts complex, breast items were barely adequate to short of an active call, and the remaining items were sufficient with fair movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/16-08/21/99 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Includes branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	53.50-55.00	53.76	17	57.96	30
Chicago	49.00-54.00	53.08	51	55.93	81
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	59.54	27
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	60.28	16
Denver	64.50	64.41	17	62.81	48
Detroit	49.00-55.00	54.12	13	55.72	51
Los Angeles	65.00	64.66	69	65.07	126
New York	51.00-53.00	52.23	44	58.16	91
Philadelphia	48.00-51.00	49.27	11	52.62	27
Pittsburgh	50.00-50.50	50.60	10	55.84	58
St. Louis	53.00	52.74	19	54.66	43
San Francisco	65.50	65.21	31	67.82	57

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	08/16/99	Change/Last Wk	08/09/99	08/17/98
655	59.32	3.50	55.82	72.89

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	55.00-55.50	55.99	30
Central	55.00-61.00	59.13	53
West	65.00-70.00	66.09	53

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-60.00	59.31	84
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 60.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,201	48.00-69.50	58.98

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	170.50	4,236
BREASTS - WHOLE	80.00	2,308
THIGH MEAT - B/S	61.50	582
LEG QUARTERS	21.00	9,163
WINGS	51.00	3,291

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair following the weekend. Offerings varied according to size with heavier weights reported as short to adequate and the remainder was generally fully adequate to handle immediate needs. Retail and distributive movement was typical for the middle of August. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts market, breast items were practically non-existent and the balance of items were usually adequate to cover trade needs.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally firm. Food service demand was moderate to good, best for fast food. Retail demand was fair to occasionally good, best for features. Supplies were mostly sufficient and clearing. In the parts structure, trading was most active for breast items, fair to moderate for dark meat, and improving for wings. Supplies were close balanced to adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights ranging desirable to light.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last week. The market tone was fully steady. Offerings in close balance and very confidently held. Demand by stores good to cover features only fair otherwise; fast food fairly good. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Parts were fully steady to firm with breasts in the strongest position. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 62.41 up 10.35 from last Monday with the reported volume traded unchanged at 21 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices for this week's deliveries increased 6 to 7 cents in all areas, except Ohio reported TFEWR. Whole fryer trade sentiment was at least steady. Additional whole bird offerings were light. Movement into retail channels was mixed, mostly fair, with Chicago reporting fairly good fill-in over the weekend. One chain in the Detroit area featuring whole fryers at \$.59. Food service demand was moderate. Floor stocks were adequate, sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading was mixed with breast items tight to short, other items adequate. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on breast items and steady on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good and sufficient to keep offerings in good balance on the under 3 pound sizes; in close balance to short on the heavier sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 54 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were in close balance to short. Bone-in breasts were in short supply. Leg items were adequate and in fairly good balance. Supplies of wings were about adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

CITY FROM DELMARVA	<u>BRANDED U.S. GRADE A</u>
RANGE	47-74
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.69
NO. OF BOXES	8,674

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was generally moderate for fill-in orders following the weekend. Offerings of breast items remained very difficult to locate, and the balance of items were usually adequate. Retail and distributive movement was only seasonal. The market tone was firm on breast items, and the balance was steady to fully steady.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	175-180	175.36	395,400
TENDERLOINS	140-145	145.49	59,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	83.90	223,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	79.89	16,200
LEGS	29-30	33.61	121,464
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	19.94	336,024
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	34.01	65,270
THIGHS	19-20	29.18	58,960
B/S THIGHS	70-71	71.28	26,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	45-46	55.02	134,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.75	25,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.10	10,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	43.75	22,920

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	529	140.00-180.00	166-180	160.44
TENDERLOINS	149	153.00-191.00	-	163.51
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
FRONT HALVES	880	62.00-81.00	67-74	72.41
LEGS	82	29.00-34.00	34	33.85
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,004	18.00-18.25	18.25	18.21
WINGS (WHOLE)	105	38.00-57.00	38-46	44.41
DRUMSTICKS	178	31.00-45.00	31	32.44
THIGHS		NO TRADING REPORTED		

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	08/16	08/12	08/12	08/09	08/05
ALA	3,881	3,637	4.90	3,825	4.88
ARK	5,072	5,187	4.47	4,948	4.65
DELMARVA	2,455	2,388	4.47	2,436	4.94
KY-LA-TN	1,680	1,766	4.32	1,603	4.30
MISS	2,736	2,691	4.68	2,777	4.83
NC	2,550	2,536	5.34	2,522	5.40
TEXAS	2,075	1,956	4.34	2,037	4.58
TOTAL	20,449	20,161	4.66	20,148	4.81
MON	20,449(A)			20,148(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Aug 1999 is estimated to be 30,594,000 up 1.19 percent from a week ago and up 5.31 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,234,000, last year 29,051,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	666	167.00-214.00	-	194.39
TENDERLOINS	261	140.00-200.00	145-150	164.21
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	80.00-82.00	-	80.14
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	406	18.00-20.00	18-19	19.49
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	776	20.00-22.00	21-22	20.96
WINGS (WHOLE)	143	47.00-53.00	48-49	49.89
WINGS (CUT)	377	57.00-69.00	57-59	58.27
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	62	57.00-65.00	-	59.74

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR AUGUST 16, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	47.25 - 56.50	52.12
		46.12

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION PARTS PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 08/16-08/20/99

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	160.00 - 185.00	170.00 - 175.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	72.00 - 86.00	79.00 - 82.00
LEGS	29.00 - 34.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17.00 - 23.00	18.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	26.00 - 50.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	41.00 - 57.00	42.00 - 44.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 12.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30.00 - 42.50	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

CENTS PER POUND.	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	77-91
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	80-97
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	88-93
FROZEN DUCKS	145
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	81-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	82-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	83-88
DUCKS	135
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	107
	ICE PACK	92-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	112
	ICE PACK	104
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	92
DUCKS		149-166

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 13-AUG-99

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----
FAT	FOB DELIVERED	FOB DELIVERED	
CONTENT	DOCK	DOCK	
15% OR LESS			
RANGE	16.00-18.00	- 16.00-18.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.40	17.57	
1,613,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.			

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS			
RANGE	-	16.50	- 17.00
WTD AVERAGE		16.50	17.00
400,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.			
15-20%			
RANGE	12.75-15.00	14.00-14.50	13.50-15.50 14.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.84	14.07	14.48 14.00
2,300,000 pounds, this includes 400,000 pounds for export shipment.			
20% OR MORE			
RANGE	-	- 12.00-13.50	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.25	
240,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.			
* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV			

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Prices were lower when compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate and steadily increasing offerings on spent heavy fowl. Seasonal reductions in flock sizes forced processors to increase kills at most plants. Finished sales were slow with available product easily covering any need. Trade sentiment was weak.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-AUG-99

	RANGE		WTD
	CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-19	14-16	15.88

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 13-AUG-99

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----
FAT	FOB DELIVERED	FOB DELIVERED	
CONTENT	DOCK	DOCK	
15% OR LESS			
RANGE	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE			
0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.			

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS			
RANGE	-	18.50	14.00-16.00 -
WTD AVERAGE		18.50	15.00
122,400 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.			
15-20%			
RANGE	12.00-14.00	- 10.00-14.00	13.00-16.00
WTD AVERAGE	12.50	11.22	13.60
2,856,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.			
20% OR MORE			
RANGE	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE			
0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.			
* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI			

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority prices were unchanged to sharply lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was only fair for fully adequate to ample offerings. Undertone was cautiously steady.
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-AUG-99

	RANGE		WTD
	CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-17	12-17	13.67
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

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